



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Rita Calvin: Regional Director, Region 3

Rita Calvin was appointed Regional Director of FEMA's Region 3 by President Clinton in January 1994. As Regional Director, she coordinates FEMA mitigation, preparedness and disaster response and recovery activities in: Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Calvin's career spans more than 20 years of federal government service, including more than a decade of emergency management experience. Prior to joining FEMA, Ms. Calvin worked at the Environmental Protection Agency, where her early assignments included serving as an intergovernmental relations representative responsible for coordinating a broad range of emergency response issues with federal, state and local agencies. Also while at EPA, she served as special assistant in the agency's Solid Waste and Emergency Response operations, and the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics. In August 1992, she was assigned as the environmental specialist for the preparation of a 50-year plan for Washington's Monument Core.

Before joining EPA, Ms. Calvin held posts at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1977 to 1981. As special assistant to the HUD Secretary, she was involved with the agency's Federal Disaster Assistance Administration and served as the Secretary's representative to President Carter's reorganization project that created FEMA. Ms. Calvin's career also included more than four years as a legislative assistant with the New York delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives.

A native of Virginia, Ms. Calvin holds a B.A. in Language and Linguistics from the Kansas Newman College, in Wichita, Kansas, and a master's degree in urban and Regional Planning from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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